Amendment No. 8 to SB2315

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AMEND <SB 2315>

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By adding the following as a new section immediately before the effective date section and by redesignating the effective date section accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary, if the memorandum of understanding concerning a new waiver-based spend down program entered into by the commissioner of finance and administration on April 26, 2005 takes effect on or before August 1, 2005 and the medically needy are not disenrolled from the TennCare program, then the funds appropriated to fund the implementation of Senate Bill 2300/House Bill 2321 shall not be expended to fund such bill and such funds shall be appropriated to fund continued coverage of the medically eligible in the TennCare program. If such memorandum of understanding does not take effect by August 1, 2005, then funds appropriated to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 2300/House Bill 2321 shall be expended to fund the implementation of such bill; provided, however, such funds may not be expended before August 1, 2005.

(b) From any funds remaining from the appropriation for Senate Bill 2300/House Bill 2321, if such funds are allocated to fund continued coverage of the medically eligible in the TennCare program, there is appropriated the sum of eight million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$8,700,000) to the TennCare program for the purpose of providing continuing prescription drug benefit coverage to uninsured TennCare Standard recipients who are severely and persistently mentally ill.